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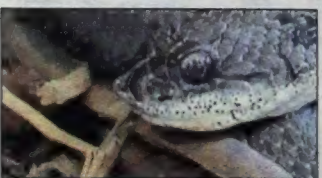
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Soyers Lake up in arms about park plan

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

Members of the Soyer's Lake Ratepayers Association came out in record numbers to last Thursday's public council meeting. Every seat was filled by people anxiously waiting to hear from the two new owners of the former Woodland Ranch property.

Toronto-based architect Dale Williston and accountant Victor Safirstein purchased 700-acres of the old Woodland Ranch property in June 2006. Their venture, called D2R Nature Park Inc., has made a request for a zoning amendment, to change their property from rural to a recreational commercial site.

A written proposal to council, dated December 18, outlines that the D2R Nature Park will consist of a lodge with 24 suites, washrooms, indoor and outdoor pools and ballpark. Campsites will be in place accommodating up to 25 large trailers and 25 small trailers.

In their presentation to council, Williston and Safirstein stated they plan to be fully operational by 2012, with a maximum of 500 people on site. Their prospective opening date is in 2009 with a maximum of 200 people on their property.

Williston and Safirstein's predecessors haven't made it easy for them to be accepted as part of the lake's community. Prior to the

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Casey Lessard/TIMES

Margaret Harris and Alice Meadowcroft have become good friends because of their interaction through Community Care. Harris is a volunteer driver, a service that helps 85-year-old Meadowcroft maintain her residential independence. "It's important because I can't do it for myself now," Meadowcroft said.

A community that cares

Volunteers are at the heart of seniors agency

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

It's no secret that the senior population is continuing to grow in Minden and in Haliburton

County at large. Seniors in the area are able to enjoy the vast woodlands and serene living but, for some, the isolated environment can cause a lot of problems. Many seniors are no longer able

to drive and the restrictions that come with having no vehicle can have adverse effects.

"There are a lot of people living outside the towns, perhaps they

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impaired driving, driving over 80mgs and several Provincial Offences Act violations.

A 44-year-old Norland women will be appearing in Minden court on March 7 in relation to the charges.

Officers would also like to remind drivers of the need to keep windows on their vehicles free of snow and ice.

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Buckhorn moves towards getting new medical centre

by ROBERT HUGHES
Special to The Times

The campaign to attract medical professionals to Buckhorn received a major boost at the February 6 Galway-Cavendish and Harvey council meeting, when Reeve Tom Flynn and council matched the assembled public's enthusiasm with decisions that will move the project forward in short order.

With Six-Foot Bay Resort owner Garry Hall and Buckhorn Sand and Gravel principal Jeff Cheshire as co-presenters, the approximately 75 property owners, almost all from the Buckhorn-Lakehurst area, made it abundantly clear from the start that they were there to extract answers and commitments from the council.

They didn't have long to wait for a first reply, with Flynn saying that, while the impromptu meeting comprised a most-satisfactory representation of community feeling, a public meeting in a much larger facility – the Buckhorn Community Centre was mentioned – would allow more people to be accommodated and more voices heard than at what was essentially a council meeting in a crowded chamber.

A date was not established, other than it would be as soon as possible, with Flynn pointing out that more concrete details will be needed to make the meeting valuable to the process. Those details would include a decision whether to renovate the former township building or build new, the presentation of a draft architect's design, inclusion of the opinions and findings of other professionals and, possibly, news about the contracting of the services of one or more medical people.

It took considerably more time and words to establish the township's role, with Flynn confirming that GCH would be responsible for the installation of the "bricks and mortar" elements and, most likely, the architect's fee and other related costs.

At the same time, he said, attention would be paid to the medical profession's expectations, something which Councillor-at-Large Janet Clarkson later pointed out might be accommodated by a "generic" structure and floor layout, to which special features to meet the demands of the contracted doctor would be added.

What proved to be a temporary sticking point was the chicken-and-egg-arrival decision as to whether the doctor or the prepared building would be arriving first. The cost difference of providing the facilities, Flynn estimated, would be about 20 per cent more for new than renovated, an amount he felt was almost incidental, given the project's importance.

In the end, it was decided that attracting the doctor and renovating or building new could go hand-in-hand. Which brought surprise "challenge" from Cheshire, that, if there were architect's drawings on hand by March 6, he would personally donate \$10,000 to the project.

Council unanimously agreed to engage an architect to investigate the viability of the township building or to build new, with the contract to specify a result as soon as possible. That specification would, it's hoped, allow the public meeting in early or mid March.

The remaining subject, community fund-raising and renovation and/or construction participation was resolved to much applause. Fund-raising, it was decided, would be the responsibility of a sub-committee of the township's new Economic Development and Business Retention and Expansion Advisory Committee, whose formation was authorized at the January 16 council meeting. The township is currently examining applications for the volunteer public members who will join the two township appointees.

Judging from the enthusiasm at the February 6th meeting, the "bricks and mortar" volunteer participation is already assured by a large number of qualified and semi-qualified residents.

Securing both kinds of services will be further advanced by the township's "Medical Centre Survey", which asks volunteers to specify what they are willing to contribute to both the sub-committee and whichever facility-preparation option is exercised.



Casey Lessard/TIMES



Margaret Harris' visits help Alice Meadowcroft complete important tasks, including prescription ordering (above) and grocery shopping (left). "I want to be in my home," the senior resident says. "I'm quite happy where I am. I don't know what I'd do without Margaret."

It doesn't take long to make a senior feel less isolated

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don't have access to get into town to get into curling or card groups – they are truly isolated," said Donna McDonald, executive director of Community Care Haliburton County.

Spending an hour or two a week with someone in their home, to share a cup of tea, talk about current events or share stories from the past is part of Community Care's program called "friendly visiting".

"It makes a big difference in that person's life. Friendly visits take care of someone's emotional well-being. If someone is emotionally and mentally isolated, it'll affect their health as well," says McDonald.

At its office in Haliburton, Community Care hosts social programs such as bridge, cribbage, and Meals and Wheels luncheons, all in an effort for seniors to be socially active.

"Some people think there's not a lot to do up here, but we do have these social and recreational activities to get people socializing," says Judy Cumming, support service coordinator.

What makes a healthy social life difficult for seniors, says McDonald, is that during certain times of the year it's almost impossible to travel.

"Geography is a big challenge here. Once you have snow, there are a lot of people on back roads that aren't that well maintained. They have more a fear of driving or even just walking," says Cumming.

The organization, which has 176 active volunteers in Haliburton County, provides drivers for those unable to make it to the city for whatever reason, be it a doctor's

appointment, grocery shopping, or to participate in a social event.

"Isolation can wreak havoc on a senior's mind. They need to get out," says Cumming.

Margaret Harris has been volunteering with the group for a year and half. She's taken on the role of a friendly visitor, driver and fundraiser for the organization.

The role of Community Care volunteer came easily to Harris, who says she has a special place for seniors in her heart. Her mother was also a caregiver.

"We are all going to get old or sick. I'm starting to feel it at my age and I'm 58. One of these days it'll be me. It goes around, it's a circle. Everyone's turn will come. It's nice to support whenever you can. I'm in awe of the people I help and their spirit," says Harris.

Volunteers like Harris are always appreciated, says McDonald.

In addition to friendly visiting and drivers, Community Care also has Meals on Wheels, a security and reassurance program and an emergency response system.

Right now Community Care has the need for:

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JUDY CUMMING

Neighbours worry about park's impact on lake

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pair's ownership of the property, more than 2,000 acres were clear-cut when the area was called Woodland Ranch. The loss of forested area left neighboring residents upset and outraged.

"It is paramount we need forest conservation. Cabins will have zero emissions, the toilets will be composting, any septic from the cabins will not be emitted into nature. That will be collected by us and used for soil," said Williston. The pair emphasized the importance of being eco-friendly, but that didn't stop SLRA members from speaking against the new project.

"Over the years I've seen a lot of what's happened at the Woodland Ranch. It's been nothing but a damn headache. What about the roads into Soyer's Lake? The township is going to spend a lot of money when 500 cars are using that road," said Lee Blair, a neighbor of the property.

Burt Tait, who spoke on behalf of SLRA members, said that the group is not against development of the property; however, there are too many people predicted to come to the new proposed park.

"On Soyer's Lake there are 200 occupied properties. If you add another 200 units up in the hills, you'd double

the population overnight. What is being proposed is far too large."

An increase in road traffic and an overpopulated area are two concerns Williston says the SLRA doesn't need to worry about. "They expressed concerns of 600 cars during the weekend; it's more like 150," said Williston.

Tait is also worried about where the garbage from the property would be disposed.

"Where is the garbage going to go? Two hundred more people dumping is another burden this township doesn't need," Tait gave an extensive warning of how a doubling of population would affect the environment but another concern is the arrival of visitors who don't have proper access to nearby Soyer's Lake.

"This kind of a crowd, in spite of best efforts, will double the use of the lake surface for everything from canoeing and fishing but also water skiing and tubing. It's bad enough on holiday weekends now and to make it twice as bad will be devastating," said Tait.

There will be no direct access to Soyer's Lake from the site but Tait says it's unrealistic for people to drive by and not want to use the water.

Amongst the crowd, who at one point applauded during Tait's speech, one man stood up to support the plan.

Larry Little, who lives on the lot adjacent to the planned park, welcomes the new site. "I want them to come. It's called progress. Once someone comes, you say, 'Close it down'. It belongs to everyone here in this world, whether you like or not. It is not your lake."

Little went on to defend the plans for the park. He says the arguments made by SLRA are ludicrous.

"It's like we've got small minds. Garbage is a big problem in Haliburton. No Frills and Canadian tire are coming. Are we going to shut them down because they have garbage?"

The public portion of the meeting concluded with Rob Hilkers, who lives on Tulip Road just north of the property, trying to provide a balanced perspective.

"I think this is something that's open to fairness. I hate to go one extreme or the other. I think it's wonderful we're aware of the possibilities. I applaud all the men who came here today," said Hilkers.

After the public was allowed to voice their opinions, Councillor Peter Olyer spoke on the issue.

"Mr. Tait's presentation probably reflects the concerns of us all with respect to the environment. Clearly this council was elected to support the environmental thrust that was passed by the last council."

Olyer added that council and the people of Soyer's Lake will have a better understanding of all the issues once a report is made.

"We will review all verbal and written submissions very carefully. There will be another public meeting that will address your concerns," said Reeve Jim McMahon.

After hearing his neighbours' concerns, Safirstein invited residents to take a tour of the property. "For anyone who has questions, we can go through the actual location and show you what we are proposing."

After the meeting Safirstein said that once residents take a tour of his site, he is sure they will change their minds about their park being a threat to Soyer's Lake.

In an interview Williston gave his take on waste disposal, another worry from residents.

"We'll be having less impact on the lake than the animal population that's already there. They don't compost their waste. There are twice as many animals wasting as humans, and humans will only be there for the summer months."

Although there was much opposition to their plan, Williston is still optimistic about their place within the community. "We don't want to be offensive to our neighbours. We want to blend in as easily as possible."

Williston believes the property is an ideal place for him to enjoy semi-retirement.

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Revitalization committee wants people to discover downtown Minden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

With Canadian Tire buying up properties along Highway 35, Minden is poised to become a retail destination in Haliburton County.

But will people know that if they turn off the highway there's another type of shopping experience awaiting them?

"If we have these big businesses, the little town of Minden could get lost in that. People will come from all over but they won't have a clue we have a town. We have to be supportive of one another to keep us a thriving town," says Deborah Lyons of the Minden Merchants Revitalization Committee, which hopes to work with businesses on the bypass to increase the village's profile.

The committee got a big boost when the Haliburton County Development Corporation approved a grant to hire George Farrell to do an official plan that will help the committee access other funding sources to enhance the Minden experience. He will gather the history of the Minden BIA and Minden Business Association and come up with a comprehensive course to follow into the future.

While the plan will focus on the village's strengths, such as the scenic Gull River, it won't ignore the bypass. "Our goal is a working plan that satisfies every-

one," says Lyons. The needs of the businesses on the bypass are different than the needs of businesses in the downtown core but all will benefit from plans to have people see Minden as a place where they can enjoy a variety of retail and social opportunities.

Already much work is being done by various organizations: the Riverwalk committee, which is creating a walking trail along the Gull River; the Festival of Banners, which is currently accepting proposals of art that will hang from poles throughout the downtown core; the Minden Cultural Centre, which is building the R.D. Lawrence Place; and Community in Action, which is encouraging people to park their cars and discover the village on foot or by bicycle.

Last spring, the committee's revitalization attempts got a big helping hand from local volunteers who joined in an outdoor "spring cleaning" blitz.

"We're all working together to create a nice experience for people," says Lyons.

But while the enthusiasm is there, a working structure is not.

Farrell will help the committee identify the reasons why Minden come to Minden and then enhance them. This could include a marketing project, creating special events and improving infrastructure by taking advantage of outside funding sources.



Martha Perkins/Minden Times

Deborah Lyons, who owns the Storeroom Natural Foods, says that with large chain stores expressing an interest in Minden, retailers need to work together to heighten people's awareness of the entire town's shopping opportunities.

He agrees that all businesses, whether in the downtown core or along the bypass, need to be prepared for the arrival of large chain stores.

He plans on presenting a draft report to the community at the end of March. An open house will provide the opportunity for comments and suggestions from the wider public.

"I hope that businesses can look at this in a new light and be open to what we're trying to do," says Lyons. "We have a group of dedicated individuals and we're not giving up. There is enthusiasm, now we need a structure. We need something that makes it easy for people to come forward to participate."

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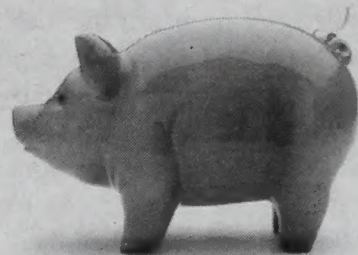
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The sins of the father...

AS NEWCOMERS to the Highlands, the new owners of part of the former Woodland Ranch property may not have been aware of how sensitive any development of the property would be. The former owners had found a loophole in the county's forestry bylaws and clear-cut hundreds of acres of trees (legally) by saying the property was for agricultural uses. To back up their claim that they were turning the wooded property into an Ontario version of a Western dude ranch, they even had some horses shipped in.

Before anything could be done to prevent the land from being ravaged, however, the owners had bigger problems to face and ended up pulling out of the county, leaving a great big bald spot on the Highlands landscape. Such wanton destruction broke everyone's heart.

So when another proposal to develop the property came up on the agenda of Minden Hills' council, it's not surprising that neighbouring property owners would be on their guard. The new owners of the D2R Nature Park had nothing to do with what happened under the Woodland Ranch debacle but they must live with the consequences.

The problem is that their proposal is lacking in the kind of details that will save the concerns of the Soyer's Lake Ratepayers' Association. In fact, there are very few details at all and at times, the new owners seem quite naïve about the process they are about to undertake. Gone are the days (thank goodness) when owning a property gave you dominion over it. Now there are many government agencies that want a say in how a property is developed. There are endless strands of bureaucratic red tape to follow before you can reach your final destination. Given the role that the Ministry of Environment now plays in the construction of a simple out-house, the new owners are in for a shock if they think that they can argue that the animals on the property are more of an environmental hazard than all those campers. "We'll be having less impact on the lake than the animal population that's already there," one of the owners told the Times. "They don't compost their waste. There are twice as many animals wasting as humans, and humans will only be there for the summer months." It's doubtful the MOE will agree to that or the idea of using the output from the composting toilets on the land. ("Any septic from the cabins will not be emitted into nature. That will be collected by us and used for soil," the new owners say.)

And clearing all these hurdles doesn't even begin to take into consideration the challenges of starting such an ambitious business venture. To plan on eventually having 500 people on site when there isn't a lake on the property might be a bit of a challenge. When you invite people to a land of lakes, being able to enjoy one of them will be an issue. The Soyer's Lake association's reaction isn't a case of people wanting to be the last people who are allowed to discover the lake's charms. They have a legitimate concern that people who drive by the lake will want to enjoy it. The nature park's proposal does not include a public access point to the lake. That won't stop people from finding their own.

A lot of work must be done on this proposal before council can even begin to consider approving it. Whether it's fair that the new owners are burdened with the past or not, it's a burden that should not be put on the shoulders of the environment.

Martha Perkins

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The world of bowling

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Roads should be top priority

To The Editor:

In response to the article regarding Minden Hills council "donating" \$200,000 to the construction of a straw building, the reference to it just being a "little bit of money" really surprised me. A few years ago I asked the road superintendent about doing some brushing on a road I was traveling with a school bus so it would be safer to travel on. I was told it

was on the agenda for the spring. Spring, and summer came and went, so I asked again in the fall. I was told there was no money left to do it.

In my opinion safe roads should be top priority as they are used by all taxpayers and council should be more considerate of how they spend our tax dollars.

Mervin Barry,
Minden

Students need a break with tuition

To the Editor:

I recently graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and now attend Trent University. As most people know, tuition fees have become unreasonable high. At more than \$5,000 a year, tuition fees are appalling. It is disgusting to think that there are those who are unable to attend university or college sim-

ply because it is too expensive. It is within the power of our provincial and federal governments to lower tuition prices. Instead, they continuously allow them to increase. It time for the government to help invest in the future of students, and lower tuition prices. Education is a right, not a privilege.

Tyson Farrell
Gelert/Peterborough

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Runway dreams dashed again

Once again, the world of fashion has unfairly passed me by. I know it's difficult to believe, but new rules implemented at an international fashion show in Madrid now make it nearly impossible for ultra-skinny models, such as myself, to work the runways. If this catches on, I will be ruined.

Apparently, the fashionistas no longer want waifs like me held up as examples of perfection. So now, they are checking each model's body mass index and anyone with an extremely low fat to height ratio, as I am sure to have, will be banned from strutting down the catwalk until the condition is remedied.

How can I be happy about this? It was my life.

Look, I can see their point, but I can't help the way I am put together. If I am bone-thin, banjo-taut, and muscular, a perfect size one actually, it's not due to my cutting back on meals or excessive exercise. No, this is just the way God made me. It's His gift to all of us.

Between you and me, it has never been easy being this beautiful. My high, jutting cheekbones, pouty lips, and luxuriant, silky hair have been nothing but a curse at times. People just don't take me seriously. That's why I don't do big razor commercials or swimsuit catalogues. Apparently, I am far too distracting — especially in a bikini. As I said, it's not easy.

I'm sorry if I'm ranting, but I need to get this off of my slick, waxed chest. How many times must I say it? I am much more than a perfect body and an angelic face. I have a brain too. Do you hear me? A wonderfully skinny brain.

Some of you might be thinking that "Pretty Boy" over here is making a big deal over nothing. That's another thing

— quit calling me Pretty Boy. I don't know who made this highly appropriate nickname up, but it's getting real old, real fast. "Handsome" or "A Tall, Cool Drink of Water" was bad enough.

When are we, as a society, going to get past my indisputable good looks? When do we get a chance to adore the other side of me?

As hard as it might be to imagine, when these ravishing looks fade to merely

"extremely handsome" I'll still be the same old Steve. People will still remember my trademark wink and still call me "Old Brown Eye" or perhaps a roughly

equivalent name.

Perhaps, by then, I'll land a gig as the celebrity spokesmodel for the Hair Club for Men. Then you'll see that there's nothing superficial about this



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Steve Galea

guy. You'll finally understand that, contrary to the general perception, fashion superstars like myself also believe in very important causes. That's right, maybe I'll start a Celebrity Walk for Hair.

But, unfortunately, right now, I have this problem to deal with. Yes, I know that I appear almost too lean (bear in mind that a newspaper head shot adds roughly forty pounds — and that's just to the columnist's chin) but, the truth is I'm carrying an excess pound or two right now. I let myself go between gigs.

I still can't believe all this is over the insecurities and distorted self-image of a few delusional people. It just seems ridiculous that now, to work in Paris, New York, Milan, Bancroft, Minden, West Guilford, and Madrid, I might actually have to put on a few pounds. Lord knows, I can never keep the weight on.

You know, sometimes, I just wish I was short, balding, and dumpy.

It must be love

Old Delahanty feels foolish standing in front of the rack of Valentine cards and so he steals a glance around Trebblethwaite's Drug Store to make sure nobody is watching him.

Then he begins inspecting the cards and before he is done he has checked out every one of them. There seems to be a card for every category except A Woman Who Barely Know You Exist.

Or at least he imagines Mrs. Faraday doesn't know he exists. There is no reason at all she should remember the old man who delivered the truckload of firewood last October.

She invited him in for a cup of tea but he was not dressed for the likes of her and, besides, she terrified him.

So he turned down the tea and she folded her arms over her chest and leaned against the doorframe and he stood in a drizzle that turned into a downpour and they talked.

They talked of firewood and T-Bone Burnett, of pickup trucks and both Wyeths, of wild geese flying south and Eugene O'Neill, and by the time Delahanty is thoroughly soaked, they have talked long than he has talked with any woman in years.

And after that, every time they meet in town, her face lights up and she speaks to him and he mumbles some-

thing and then puts his head down and walks right past her.

And now he is looking for a Valentine card for her. He is an old fool; he is sure of that. Or maybe an old goat. A laughing stock.

Mrs. Faraday has been the social glue that holds Horned Grebe Lake together all fall and winter. She is all anybody talks about.

From the lineup at Lionel Izzard's Car Wash to the back room at the Queen's Hotel to the monthly meetings of the Jehoshaphat Hill Women's Institute, she is first on everybody's agenda.

All that is known for certain is that she is a woman of a certain age and that she has moved into a house on Horned Grebe Lake, just down the road from the Church of Perpetual Pragmatism.

Everything else is speculation. Is there a Mr. Faraday? Is she widowed or divorced or simply unshacked? And what is she doing living out there by herself?

Delahanty stands looking dumbly at the few coins left from a twenty-dollar

bill after he pays for the card. The last time he asked somebody to be his Valentine, a postage stamp cost a nickel.

What was he thinking?

Now he goes reeling into the street, headed for his refuge in times of trouble, the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms. The waitress Gretchen and The Brown Dog Jiggs will be there to comfort him.

Delahanty is sitting there with the card open before him, staring at the pen in his hand, when Gretchen arrives with his customary platter of gooseberry scones and a tall glass of sarsaparilla.

For a moment, he thinks of giving the card to the waitress. He can't mail it; he doesn't even know Mrs. Faraday's address, or her first name. Perhaps he should take the card home with him and burn it.

Then he signs it "From A Secret Admirer," and sits there studying his handwriting. Gretchen is watching over his shoulder.

"That was pretty stupid," she says. "You should have signed your name."

How is Mrs. Faraday supposed to know who it came from?"

Delahanty is abashed. "Why would you think it's for her? I don't even know her." The old fellow looks desperate.

"Everybody sees the way she looks at you when you come up the street, the way she tries to talk to you, and the way you walk right on by. It's the first time I've seen you walk right past somebody willing to talk to you, or even somebody unwilling to talk to you. It must be love."

Now Delahanty is mumbling to Gretchen. "So what do I do? It's too late to mail it."

"Take it to her," says the waitress. "Knock on her door. Hand it to her. See what happens."

Which is almost exactly what the old fellow does next day, Valentine's Day. In the morning, he loads his pickup with firewood. In the afternoon, he knocks on Mrs. Faraday's door.

"I brought you a present," he says, and points at his pickup. "And this," and he almost shoves the card at her.

Mrs. Faraday beams. "How about that cup of tea?"

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Down with Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a complete sham. For those of you awaiting flowers, candy, cute teddy bears and home-made gifts, here's a question: How on earth did you get suckered into believing that Valentine's Day is the most romantic day of the year?

Card stores, teddy bear factories, and

candy shops giggle with delight when, in the dead of winter, their sales get a boost by those poor men who will sleep on the couch if they don't shell out the big bucks for their special lady.

This isn't a cheap shot to sensitive women. And yes, I am aware that you can celebrate Valentine's Day with no materi-

alistic items, and if that's the case, I applaud you. However, if you're like most, there seems to be this high expectation for lots of romance and gifts come February 14.

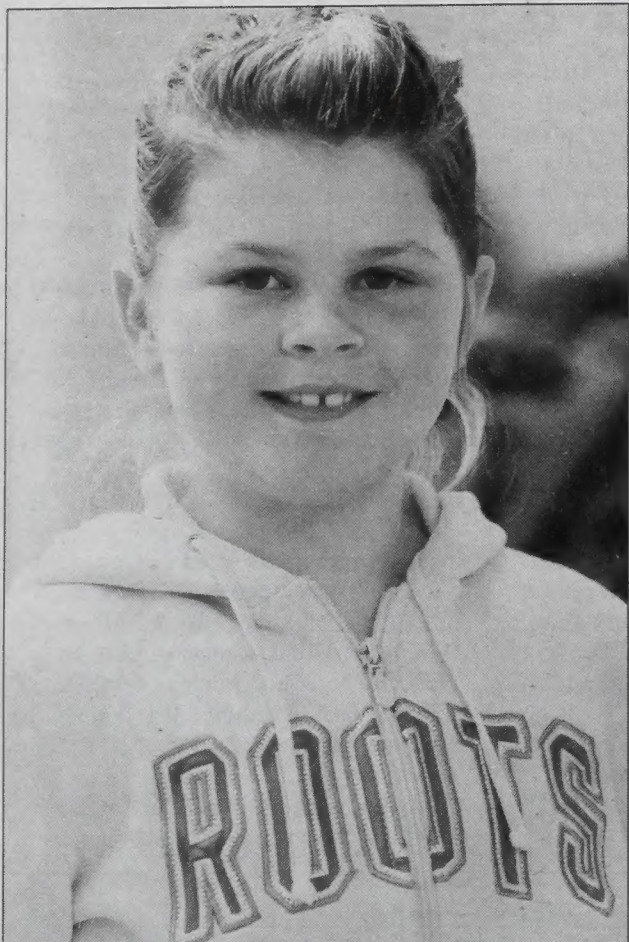
If your husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend isn't treating you like a king or queen every day, I'm sorry to break it to

you, but one day isn't going to make up for the 364 days a year of no romance.

Valentine's Day may have begun as a romantic holiday, but now it's just a cash-generating machine for companies. C'mon, it's time to see through the commercial hypnotism.

- Jessica Young

What love means to ASES students



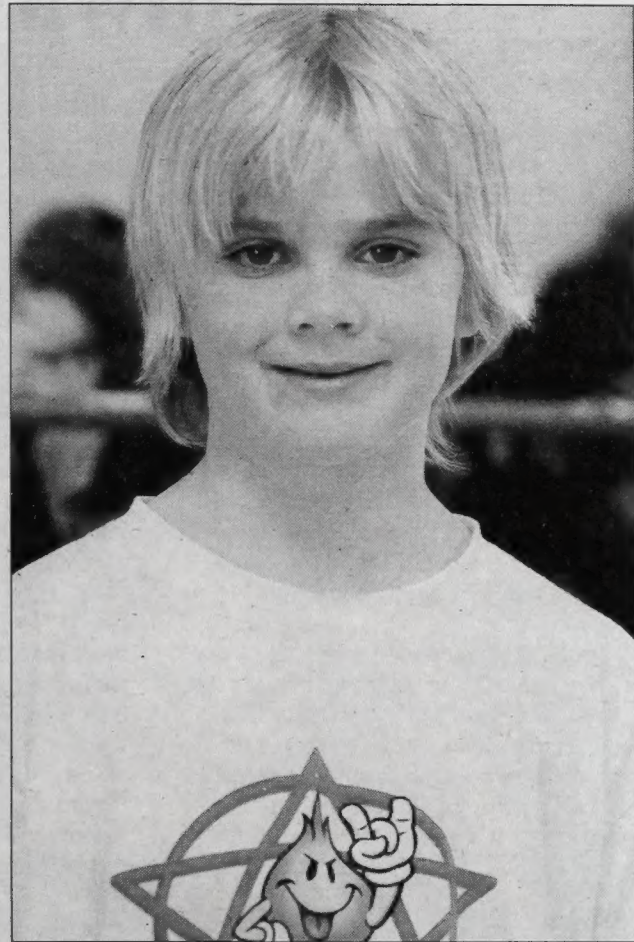
Melanie Graves-Howard

People caring about you and stuff. I love my family because they give me all the stuff I need, and even though my brother fights with me, I still love him and he loves me.



Ariel Weiss

I love my parents. They hug me and make my food for me. That's really important. I hug them.



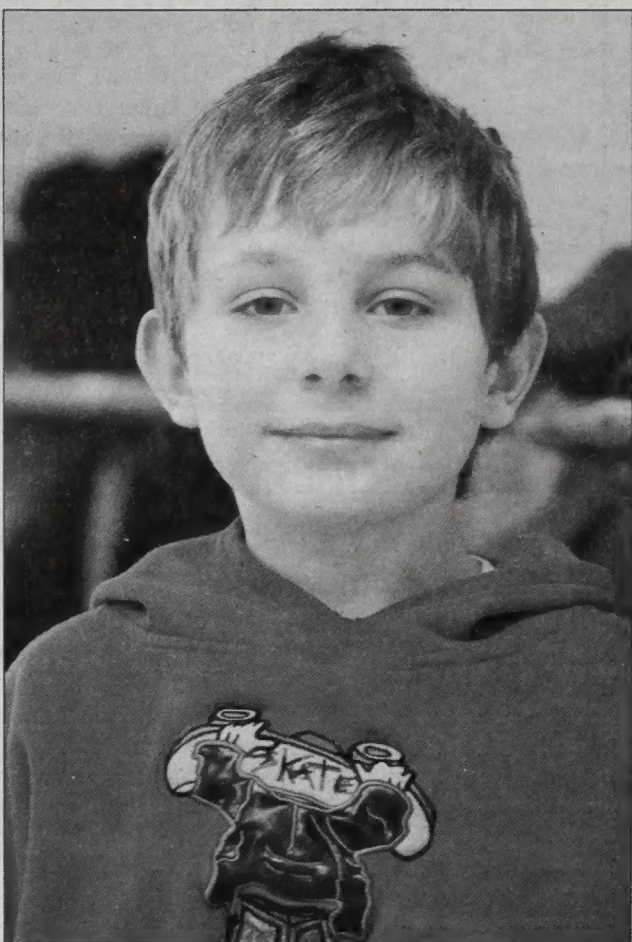
Joel Fedeski

It means you care about other people and stuff. Then people know you're respectful. I love my mom and my dad.



Tory Francis

Love is nice. It's about friends that are nice to you and all that. My friends show me they love me when they play with me and help me out. My parents help me with my homework. It makes me feel important.



Bradley Fraser

You're trying to help another person. You like them a bit. Caring and not too much bad stuff. You should care about other people.



Noah Dollo

It's love. Someone loves me right now. They treat me nicely.

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Have a moment of silence at the silent sitting circle



STANHOPE LIFE

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First - please send your prayers & thoughts to the following neighbours: Shirley Alderton, Stan Dutka, Millie Mifflin & Tom Pearson. We can never underestimate the power of prayer.

Last week's roast beef dinner at the Zion Church was delicious! Complete with dessert. The place was packed. No one in our group walked away hungry. Great job ladies. Something new in Carnarvon: "Silent Sitting Circle".

Leader of this new venture is Brenda Peddigrew, 489-3509. It will be held at the Zion United Church Group Room, bi-weekly on Sunday mornings from 11:30 am - 12:30pm beginning February 25. No fee is requested.

There is no religious affiliation. There will be ten minutes of teaching at the beginning with a 15-minute question period at the end. Whether you take part in the question period or for the silence only is a personal choice.

The purpose of the circle is to learn how to choose silence in our living places and move towards silence within ourselves. Sitting in silence with others not only enhances personal inner silence but creates a group energy that is larger than ourselves.

You can choose your preference on whether you would like to sit on a chair or bring a meditation cushion.

Tickets are still available for the next concert Feb. 24 at the Lounge Cafe.

Appearing are Johnny Burke and Steve Piticco. Johnny is a legend in Canadian country music. He has shared the stage with long-time greats such as Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Mel Tillis, Glen Campbell and Charlie Pride. I have been told this is just a few! Wow!

Steve Piticco has won countless Canadian and International awards for his playing. He has a distinctive Telecaster sound that you have to see & hear to believe. Merle Haggard has utilized him for this distinctive sound.

Be sure to catch this unforgettable performance. Need more info?

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This town is like a metropolis, what with all the great restaurants, resorts, concerts, bowling lanes - and I thought I moved to a small town!

Speaking of which - Nigel and I have just entered our

12th year in this big town. You can say we were fished in from the big city by some unscrupulous method. The Realtor put a small ad in our local paper in Bolton. Living with traffic, crowds - of course the ad stood out! We came up on a beautiful August day. Just to look, you know. Rock cuts, lakes, trees, space. In our minds a sign was blinking "You are here". The actual weekend we moved up was winter at its worst: snow, freezing rain - you name it.

Of course, we still get asked from friends - Where and why Carnarvon? Most of them can't understand that it probably takes me less time to drive to Minden than it took driving across town in the traffic. Then the next question is about lack of malls. Well, I can honestly tell them that I have almost everything I need between Haliburton and Minden. If not, my business trips to the city will fill the gap.

We are very fortunate to live here. There is a special class of people that live here year round. I have made some wonderful friends. Proof being last year's greenhouse collapse (Feb. 17). We will never forget the support we received. I guess you can say we are now "locals".

As an animal lover, I am never disappointed. The beauty of nature is always appreciated no matter which season we are in.

It's a lifestyle I will never regret choosing!

Don't forget the Bake Memorial Fishing Derby on Saturday, Feb. 17. Location is Old Mill Road at Hall's Lake from 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.. It will be a great day to visit, meet friends and neighbours. To support the Stanhope firefighters in their quest for more fire and rescue equipment. Even if you are like me and don't catch anything but a cold. Actually, I have been known to catch some but had to throw them back out of embarrassment. You can reach Kathy at 489-1161 for more information.

Before I close for the week, I would like to send thanks and appreciation to Francis Thomas Contracting. Their crew are doing a great job clearing our highways so that we can continue on our journeys safely!

Any birthday wishes, anniversaries or just anything worth passing on. Please forward it on so you won't be subjected to me rattling on about myself or my dog!



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services capital loan is almost paid off, with the HHHS Foundation presenting the corporation with \$35,000 toward the debt. That puts the outstanding debt at \$65,000, which could be paid off in the next few months. The latest injection came from a combination of Christmas drive and regular donations. HHHS chair Jeanne Anthon receives the cheque from HHHSF chair Peter Oyler; behind them are: HHHS CEO Keith Sansford, foundation vice-chair Ray Selbie, board members Jan McMaster and Jim Mitchell, secretary/treasurer Marg Fielding, board member Alan Clark, executive director Dale Walker, and board member Don Popple.

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The Haliburton team, comprised of (l-r) skip John Smilie, vice Moe Welch, second Joe Sheridan and lead Bill Vermeersch, won the last northern tour bonspiel of the season.

Haliburton team wins last spiel of northern tour

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

The northern tour was set up to give exposure to curlers, and Haliburton shined

The Haliburton team of skip John Smilie, vice Moe Welch, second Joe Sheridan and lead Bill Vermeersch took the honours in the fourth and last bonspiel of the 2006/2007 northern tour.

The northern tour was set up many years ago to give curlers exposure in meeting teams from other curling clubs and curling on ice other than their home club.

The curling club participants are Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Haliburton and Minden. Each club hosts

one of the four bonspiel and enters two teams for an eight-team roster playing two games. Between draws, the curlers enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared and served by Beni Kearns and her helpers.

To top off their win John Smilie also won the raffle. This week at the Minden Curling Club, the Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel was played on Tuesday with 16 teams from Central Ontario participating. Then on Friday, the ever-popular, three-day Men's Rockbuster Invitational Bonspiel begins with 24 team entries from around the province enjoying sumptuous feasts as they compete for a myriad of prizes donated by club sponsors.

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It takes a village to raise a curling team

by TOM DIBBLEE
HHSS Curling Coach

The boys' curling team from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is heading to the OFSAA provincial championships this week, and they'll be going in style thanks to support from some adult friends.

As a member of the Haliburton Curling Club's Monday night competitive league, the team has been honing skills, improving communication, humbly celebrating success and graciously accepting defeat. Fellow Monday night curler Don Popple heard about the boys' impending run at the Ontario championships and wondered if they had jackets to represent Haliburton. The answer was no, but not for long.

Popple started a campaign to outfit the boys with matching jackets. In less than four days, coats sporting Haliburton and a curling rock were paid for by local sponsors and delivered to the team.

The boys play Thursday through Saturday in Carleton Place, and Haliburton fans can follow their progress at the Carleton Place Curling Club website (<http://cpcc.ovca.com/goreindex.html>).

The boys were able to hold their own against more experienced players at the Haliburton club. The boys tied for first in regular season play with 6 wins and 2 losses. Based on head-to-head game play, there was no clear first place winner. Based on points, the HHSS team took third place. The boys were undefeated in the play-offs and took the A-side win in this competitive league. They have also developed a close camaraderie with many curling club members.

The team gives special thanks to convenor Bob Johnson for letting the team enter the competitive league; "man-of-

Casey Lessard/TIMES



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' curling team is heading to the Ontario championships, and they're going to look great with their new jackets purchased by area businesses. Curry Motors president Don Popple competes against the boys in a Monday night league at the Haliburton Curling Club. Popple heard about their run at the championship and decided the boys should look their best; he found enough people who agreed that they were able to get jackets within four days. From left: Connor Duhaime, Ed Cyr, skip Jake Walker and coach Tom Dibblee. Curtis Nichol was absent for this week's league night.

action" Don Popple for spearheading and securing a matching set of coats and generating the funds; the generous supporters: Curry Motors (Don Popple & Bob Johnson), Haliburton Timbr-Mart (Jim & Greg Scheffee), V & S Department Store (Andy Glecoff), Dawson Gray (Hugh Nichol & Dave Gray), Dawson Insurance (Art Dawson); principal Gary Brohman for his continuous words of praise and inspiration; the parents of the curlers for all their "behind-the-glass" encouragement; the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton Curling Club for providing pins for our team to share with other competitors at the provincials.



Jake Walker and Connor Duhaime sweep hard as Ed Cyr watches his rock slide towards the house.

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Fern's story touches the heart of community

The injured dog that got hit by a car comes out of surgery with one less leg, but with plenty of love

Fern, the hound mix dog that suffered radial nerve damage after being hit by a car in the village of Minden, has undergone her leg amputation surgery earlier this week. Thanks to the excellent attention and skills of a local veterinary clinic, there were no complications and Fern is recovering well in her foster home.

Having seen her story in the media, her former owners came forward and were able to identify her. After consultation, they decided to relinquish ownership of the dog to the SPCA, as they

were unprepared to deal with the ramifications of her injuries.

While the staff and volunteers at the SPCA are always hopeful that pet owners will take full responsibility for their companion animals in situations like this, it is sadly not always the case. Too often, individuals simply leave their animals' fate in the hands of animal shelters when pet ownership becomes inconvenient. And too often, they do so pretending the animal is not even theirs.

In this case, however, the owners were honest and acted with integrity when they came forward to provide crucial information to the shelter. By officially signing over ownership of the dog, they allowed the Ontario S.P.C.A. Muskoka Branch to act quickly, and in the best interest of the injured dog.

Fern's story has touched the hearts of many in our community; she is a dog

with an incredible spirit. There has been an excellent application for adoption sent in to the shelter, and the shelter hopes to see her in her new home soon!

The Ontario S.P.C.A. Muskoka would like to thank all those who donated in her name. While the branch has not yet recovered all her costs, it is grateful to have the support of the community as it

allows it to hold the hope that it really does make a difference. Together, we can save lives!

Donations are always accepted at the Ontario S.P.C.A. Muskoka Branch. Alternately, donations to our "Animal Care Account" at either veterinary clinic in Bracebridge will assist with her surgery and many others'.



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in our Lives
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You!
Very Much
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David

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I love you loads
and toads.
Love
**Pookatron
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"SWEETIE"**
All my love
Your "Hon"
Love
Barry

**Happy
Valentine's**
to MOM
MOM & DAD
and
FIVE
WONDERFUL
CHILDREN
Love
Barry

Gramma
I Love
You!
You're the Greatest
Have a Great
Valentine's Day
Love Forever
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John "As sure as
the sun rises,
To be followed
by the moon,
Down the winding
road of life
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with you!"
Love
Laura

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the doctors
and they have
confirmed,
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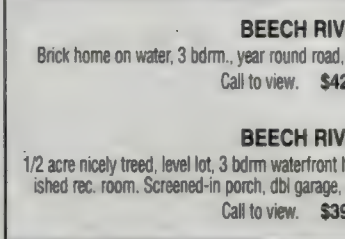


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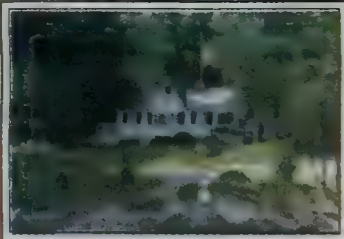


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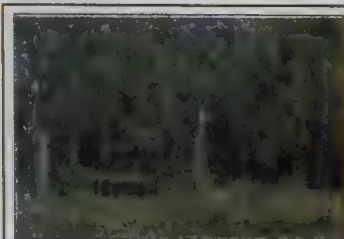
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The luckiest hognosed snake around

Snake with a unfortunate history gets the chance to live out her life in luxury in Muskoka

by PAMELA MARSALES
Special to the Times

Hogwarts is one very lucky Eastern hognosed snake. She'll live out her natural life enjoying free room and board at the Muskoka Wildlife Centre in exchange for her very important work captivating young audiences through educational outreach.

After an unfortunate run-in with a dog, Hogwarts suffered brain damage that prevented her from feeding herself. Her first gig was at the Wasaga Beach Provincial Park where she was taken after the mauling incident. Caretakers there hand fed her back to health, and she became part of the Park's reptile program. Now she's part of the outreach family at the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, where director Dale Gienow describes her as a "real sweetie, with lots of personality".

The Centre is not a zoo, it's a refuge for wildlife that can no longer survive in the wild. Hogwarts may be part of the 40-minute live animal demonstration at the Critters & Trestles event at Camp Wanakita on Sunday, February 18, but staff at the MWC are careful never to make promises. "It's unpredictable when a snake may go through shedding", says Gienow, which would sideline Hogwarts from the limelight.

Critters & Trestles is a Community Supper celebrating the history and wildlife of Haliburton's railway corridors organized by Friends of the Rail Trail, who are delighted to have the popular Muskoka Wildlife Centre represent the critters portion of the event.

The Friends of the Rail Trail put in special request for Hogwarts, if she's available, for a couple of reasons. First of all, the 'hognose' is a fascinating creature, which goes through an elaborate defensive display when startled. It can rise up, flare out its neck and hiss, and will sometimes mock strike. This is just an act, because it is non-venomous, and in fact its mouth remains closed. If still feeling threatened, its next act is to roll over and play dead. Hogwarts could help us realize that these snakes are interesting and harmless.

Secondly, since the theme centres around railway corridors, the hognose is a natural fit. "The Haliburton County Rail Trail section between Donald and Gelert is noted as ideal habitat for the Eastern hognosed snake, and its important to record sightings of this species at risk", says local ecologist, Angie Horner. "I can't help but champion for these beautiful species at risk reptiles that we are lucky to have in this area".

Horner is part of the recovery program of this nationally and provincially threatened species. Education is a vital component of any protection program. Familiarity with this unique reptile could lead to an enriching nature experience out on the trail, rather than a panic reaction.

The entertaining presentation will feature a variety of engaging critters; perhaps Woodrow, a beaver with no front teeth, or Oliver, a Blandings turtle, who seems always to be smiling.

Whichever animal, bird, reptile or amphibian individuals the Muskoka Wildlife Centre will be showcasing on Sunday, February 18, you can be sure that they will have an interesting story. You can learn about them from the Animal Gallery section of their website www.muskokawildlifecentre.com. Kids will be encouraged to ask lots of questions of the expert wildlife educators, and will be able to pet and hold some of the critters. The Centre also plays a vital role in many wildlife documentaries and some of the animals visiting might be movie stars.

Families are welcome to come for the wildlife demonstration alone, for a donation of \$5 per person to the ongoing support of the animals. Please plan to be at Camp Wanakita before 5pm for the start. Allow lots of time to negotiate the 5km Koshlong Lake Road into the camp, and parking, to avoid the disappointment of missing any of this fascinating demonstration.

If you would like to come for the entire Critters & Trestles evening, we ask that you please try to reserve your tickets by mid-week to allow Chef Ron Tenthorey to plan the buffet. An entertaining and educational program is being planned, with something for all ages following the theme of Haliburton's railway heritage. It's an old-fashioned multi-generational community supper. Guest speaker, author and historian Leopoldina Dobrzensky will warm up the audience before local storytelling takes the stage, to be recorded by the Highlands Media Arts as part of an ongoing community video archives project. Anyone with local railway stories to



Hogwarts, an Eastern hognosed snake that was attacked by a dog, has been rehabilitated and now has a spot at the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, captivating young audiences through educational outreach.

tell is welcome. The Haliburton Highlands Museum has loaned artifacts for a kids' quiz, and their collection of railway photos will be on display. There will be prizes for kids and adults.

Please call Pamela Marsales at 457-4767 today to make your reservation, or for more info. Tickets for the whole evening with dinner are as modestly priced as possible, at \$20 each, \$15 for teens, \$10 for children under 12. The

camp is wheelchair accessible, barring a blizzard. Tickets may be picked up at Baubles 'n' Bon Bons in the lower level of the Village Barn in Haliburton, or at the StoreRoom in Minden, but please do call to reserve in advance, if possible. Hope to see you there. We've been receiving such positive buzz about this novel event idea, we're already starting to plan next year's second annual "Critters & Trestles".

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Business and Community Achievement Awards

Awards to be presented on March 31, 2007 at a Gala Dinner held at Delta Pinestone in Haliburton.

Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees) **

The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award. Note that these criteria are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees) **

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these criteria are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

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Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision as applied to activities of the Young Entrepreneur during 2006.

Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Youth of the Year

This award will be awarded to a high school student currently or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee will award a student based on their academic and extra curricular activities and who has also shown a willingness to participate throughout the community to enrich the lives of others.

Award of the Year

This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2006.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2006 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas:

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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business and Community Achievement Awards Nomination Form

- ☐ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- ☐ Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
- ☐ Highlander of the Year

Note: Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

Nominee Information:

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The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator. Nominations will be accepted until February 28th, 2007.

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Meet with your family past at Genealogy Group meeting

Meeting features special speaker from Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group and all are welcome

Another month has flown by since our last visit with granddaughter Emma. Expecting her home for a leisurely mid-February reading week in Ajax we were delighted instead to hear her news. As part of a group of 10 students from Queen's University Emma is heading out with Habitat for Humanity to build homes still desperately needed by those families displaced by the fury of Hurricane Katrina. Once on location the Queen's group will meet up with volunteers from other universities. Rather than being right in the city of New Orleans she will be posted to Biloxi, a city in Mississippi just east of the Louisiana border right on the Gulf of Mexico. The return route apparently includes a two-day stay-over in New York City complete with an appearance on the John Stewart television show. We had to chuckle trying to picture Emma decked out in a hard hat with hammer in hand. While her carpentry experience would not earn her a spot on the Mike Holmes' television work crew her energy and enthusiasm would.

The next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group is Wednesday, February 14 in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Doors are open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. and you are reminded to please enter by the back door. The speaker will be HHGG member Milt Sheppard, his topic, Pyramids and Human E, related subjects which he has been researching. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705 286-2225.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library will be holding its monthly Book Sale in the lower level of the Kinmount Library this Saturday, February 17th from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations of good used books can be made at the time of the sale but please note that donated books should be of current interest to readers and not include outdated texts, manuals or magazines. This is a good opportunity to also visit the Library and meet librarian Mary Ann Dobsi.

Friends of the Rail Trail " will be hosting their first event a " Critters and Trestles dinner and program on Sunday, February 18 at Camp Wanakita starting at 5 p.m.. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate both the heritage of the Rail Trail and its future. Leopoldina Dobrzensky will speak on Haliburton's Railway Days and the Muskoka Wildlife Centre will bring along a variety of live critters. Tickets are \$20 each with a family discount available. For tickets or more information please contact Terry Carr at 705- 286 - 3199.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

A special reminder goes out from Ross Fletcher to the Stanhope contract bridge players that starting next Tuesday bridge will be held Club 35 at the usual time and continue there until the renovations at Stanhope are completed.

February 6 euchre at Gelert : Harold Harvie reports that lone hand honours went to George Bartley while for the ladies Rita Crofts was high and Lorna Hicks low. Kevin Maloney led the gents with Don Curry a double winner for low man and the special draw.

February 6 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Pat Roussel topped the high scores at 273 followed by Gala Stamp 266 and Elli Langpohl 265. Elli also had a moonshot along with Gala Stamp [2] and Isobel Cherwenka while Sharon Atkinson, Maria Tschida, Georgina Parkes and lucky lady Elli Langpohl held hidden score.

February 6 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first place were Laura Carnegie and John Fortune at 323 with Cliff Davison and Sandy Poulton second at 258. Following closely in third spot was Alf Briscoe partnered with June Fortune at 257 with the afternoon's low of 189 registered by the duo of Joan Meadows and Colleen Davison.

February 7 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system top marks went to Reet Murray and Bill Sandford at 66% then Joan Galley partnered with Ross Fletcher at 58%. Third place was a tie at 48% between Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf and the duo of Paul Pethick and Harold Cox.

February 7 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Mildred St. Thomas was high and Marcy Morgan low while Mike St. Thomas led the gents with Roger Fournier low man. Mildred also won for lone hands and Roger took home the draw prize.

February 7 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Jack Cox, Len Kroes, Lottie Ruttan and Chris Clarke with Tom Grix taking two. Trudy Kroes championed the pinks at 309 with Willie Cox 287 second and Linda Lambert 270 third. First for the white cards was Tom Grix at 307 with Jack Cox next at 303 then Tom Macartney 287.

February 8 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Pat and Marcel Roussel with Jean Hewitt and Bob Pollard recording the high scores. Ellen Holden and Jesse Barlow tallied up the lows with Jesse also winning one of the other prizes along with Lorna Hicks, Ellen Holden, Helen Skelding and Pat Roussel. Thanks to May Bradbury for this update.

February 9 bid euchre at Club 35: Leading the pinks was Jean Randell at

292 followed by Verna McDonald 287 and Pearl Cowen 249. At 331 Lorne Dinesen was first for the whites then Pat Scadden second at 264 and Clara Miscio 242 third. Holding the hidden scores

was Betty Wagar.

February 9 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system

Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher were first at 65% then Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies second at 56% and Harold Cox teamed with Bruce Armstrong a close third at 55%.

February 9 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: June Branning reports that Martha Harding won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Gala Stamp for low hands with the special prize going to Hazel Dorman.

February 10 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots landed on Albert Foster, Marcy Morgan and Margaret Fletcher while Verna McDonald, Pat Bailey and Elli Langpohl took the draws. At 277 Edith Burch led the pinks followed by Margaret Fletcher 252 and Pat Roussel 241. For the white cards Albert Foster and Don Burch tied for top spot at 239 with Marcel Roussel next at 231 and our reporter Gala Stamp third at 227.

February 12 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Our reporter Pauline Franzen topped the charts at 305 with Dana Briscoe second

at 261 and Mike St. Thomas 244 third. Karen Rivait won the draw while Rose Isaacson [2], Sharon Atkinson, Phyllis Windsor and Emily Harvie had the moonshots.

February 12 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Gala Stamp and Lorna Hicks with Marion Stickwood and Gwen Cox recording the high scores of the day. Ellen Holden and Mabel Deacon tallied up the afternoon's lows while Gala Stamp and Jeanne Keliele took home the special prizes. The valentine draws went to Bill Mosley, Gala Stamp, Mabel Deacon, Lorna Hicks and Betty Sharpe.

February 12 cribbage at Minden Legion: Elva Paisley reports that Sharon Atkinson led the scoring with Don Hicks second and Helen Luffman third. The evening's other prizes were claimed by Eileen Shapiera, Ann Cundall and Syd Adamson.

February 12 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Diane Peacock while Martha Harding took lone hands, Perry Peacock low hands and Murray Daniels the special prize. Elaine Yeo reminds that there is always room at the table for new players.

February 12 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to our intrepid reporter Garth Windsor with Robert McIvor taking home a special prize. Jean Randell was double lucky winning both for ladies high score and the bologna. The Davison family was in the spotlight with Cliff taking high man and Colleen low lady while Robert McIvor was low man.



AROUND THE TOWN

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How can you celebrate Valentine's week without some heart stopping poetry about tortured love?

The Dead Poets are alive again!! Join the Conjurors of County Town at the Dominion in Minden for a night of good brew, good food, and good words.

Pat Lowther (Lea Harper) will call to the stage: William Shakespeare (Tim Nicholson), Simone de Beauvoir (Laurie Carmount), Dorothy Livesay (Tiina

Heathcock), e. e. cummings (Ryan Dawson), Dorothy Parker (Shelly King), Al Purdy (Jim Blake), Marianne Moore (Pauline Johnson), Robert Service (Jack Brezina), Janet Frame (Robyn Thomas), Gwendolyn McEwan (Fay Martin), Sylvia Plath (Allana Ziorjen), Edgar Allan Poe (Aaron King), Saint Valentine and John Donne (Michael Fay), and others.

Shawn Chamberlin is our gracious host and will also do a turn as Charles-Pierre Baudelaire. He will also be breaking out the famous "Dominion Chocolate Fountain" in honour of the occasion.



The photo we ran in last week's Times contained a few errors. This is the corrected version:

The John McGrath Branch #441 Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount presented a cheque on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command and Ladies Auxiliary Charities in the amount of \$8,236.58 to the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation. The funds were raised by the many Royal Canadian Legions and Ladies Auxiliaries throughout the province. These funds will help buy and ECG monitor and other helpful medical equipment.

Back Row: From left, John Deak, Branch #441 President; Patrick Healey, Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation board member; Jean Anderson, board member; John Huke; Dave Warren, Vice-Chair; Arthur Owens, Veteran and legion member; Dr. Elena Mihu; George Berry, Branch #441 1st Vice-President.

Centre Row: From Left, Ted Wilkes, chair of Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation; Sandra Butler, physiotherapist; Joanne MacDonald, board member; Nelly Gluck, medical secretary; Bernice Owens, Ladies Auxiliary Deputy Zone Commander Zone F and secretary of Branch #441; Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas.

Front Row: From left, Joyce Brown, Roni Brelaford, and Linda McGillivray, all board members; Melissa Henderson, medical secretary; and Matt Dunn, board member.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A001/2007, Part Lot 2, Concession 13, Township of Minden, Little Boshkung Lake,
Applicant: CARR: Ken and Sharen
Purpose: 1. Requesting relief of 3.05 metres from Section 5.2, Table 2 with respect to an interior side yard setback.
2. Requesting relief of 7.4 metres from Section 4.7.4 ii) to permit a dwelling unit closer than 15 metres from the high water mark.
3. Requesting relief of 1.8 metres from Section 4.7.4 iii) to permit a dwelling unit to be constructed higher than 1.2 metres;
4. Requesting relief of 78 % from Section 4.7.4 v) to permit the coverage of a dwelling unit by more than 25%.

File No. MV A002/2007, Part Lot 11, Concession 8, Township of Minden, Reynolds Road,
Applicant: RICKFORD: David and Dorothy
Purpose: 1. Requesting relief from Section 4.8.1 to recognize an undersized lot with respect to area;
2. Requesting relief of 36% from Section 4.7.4. v) to permit two additions to a dwelling unit by more than 25%.
3. Requesting relief of 1.37 metres from Section 4.7.4 iii) to permit an addition to a dwelling unit higher than 1.2 metres.

File No. MV A003/2007, Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Township of Minden, Soyers Lake,
Applicant: SKELTON: John and Isabel
Purpose: 1. Requesting relief of 6.4 metres from Section 4.7.4 ii) to permit an addition to a dwelling unit closer than 15 metres from the high water mark.
2. Requesting relief of 11% from Section 4.7.4 v) to permit the coverage of a dwelling unit by more than 25%.
3. Requesting relief from Section 4.8.1 to recognize an undersized lot with respect to area.

HEARING DATE: TUESDAY, February 27, 2007
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills during normal office hours.
Dated this 14th day of February, 2007.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

Notices



TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Requires an

Environmental & Property Operations Manager

The Township of Minden Hills is located in the Haliburton Highlands and services approximately 5,500 permanent residents and a substantial seasonal population. In addition, this small mixed rural/urban community attracts many year round tourists.

The Role:

Reporting to the CAO, the Environmental & Property Operations Manager will be responsible for promoting, developing, directing and administering a comprehensive program of: property and building maintenance; landfills; water supply and distribution system; and waste water collection system and treatment plant, including hands-on maintenance, within the guidelines of Municipal/Provincial policy. A position description is available upon request.

The successful applicant must have and be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of Water and Waste Water and Environmental functions within the Municipality and must have a minimum Level 2 Certification in Water Supply and Wastewater Distribution Operations. Additional certification will be considered an asset.
- The ability to interpret Environmental Studies and Water and Waste Water Assessments.
- A good understanding of and the ability to interpret policies, regulations, legislation and guidelines relating to all functions.
- Excellent supervisory skills and be competent in the interpretation and application of employment policies, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills as they deal with a wide variety of individuals and groups on a regular basis.
- Excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.

The position requires a minimum of five years experience in a similar progressively responsible related position. Compensation of the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "Environmental and Property Operations Manager", by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 9th, 2007, to Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mr. G.M. Morrison, e-mail: gerrymorrison@county.haliburton.on.ca. Telephone: (705) 286-1260 ext 213. Fax: (705) 286-4917. www.minden.on.ca

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Need a summer job? Recreation department now hiring

In spite of the Annual Tall Pines/Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally being cancelled this weekend due to poor trail and lake conditions, one snowmobiler donated his pledges to the Lions Camp anyway. Gerald Ryerse of Brantford presented Steve Woolman with a cheque for \$2,945. This is the third year in a row that Mr. Ryerse has been one of the top three pledges to the Lions Camp and he deserves a huge thank you!

The Township of Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department is now hiring for summer positions. Available positions include swim instructors for the Hall's Lake program, day camp counsellors for the Dorset Day Camp Program and a summer recreation assistant position to deliver programs throughout the township. For more information, please contact the recreation department at drc@vianet.on.ca or 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival takes place on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17. Lots of great activities and entertainment are planned to go ahead "No Matter The Weather". Have a look at www.dorsetsnowball.com for a list of events. Give the Dorset Recreation Centre a call at 766-9968 for more information.

Is anyone interested in volunteering with the Fire Department to help at the Snowball Pancake Breakfast in the morning or Fast Food in the afternoon? If so, please give Barb a call at 766-2108.

There will be a Maple Syrup - Operations and Opportunities presentation at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, February 19. The workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and includes topics such as Principles and Practices of Sugar Bush Management and Forest Health Update, Equipment and Techniques, From Buckets to Tubing. There will be guest speakers from the MNR, Atkinson Maple Syrup Supplies, Albert Emes and the day also includes a field trip to the Emes Family Sugarbush. A wonderful lunch of pancakes and sausages is included and the cost for the day is \$20 per person. For more information or to register, please call Mike Walsh (MNR Bracebridge) at 705-646-5530 or Nicole Tuyten (MNR Minden) at 705-286-5206.



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at St. Ambrose Anglican Church in Baysville on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. (no service in Dorset). The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish Council will be meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Zachary's in Dorset.

Evening Yoga Classes are starting up again at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The next 10 week session begins on Monday, February 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is suitable for all levels. Advance registration is required. Please call the Recreation Centre to register or for more information at 705-766-9968.

Love is in the air, or at least on the shelves, at your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Whether you like romance that is a gentle read or romance books

with a hunky guy on the cover, there are plenty of titles to appeal to your senses. If you would like advice on your real life relationships, there are self-help books by Dr. Phil McGraw, Dr. Robin Smith and many others. Check the library catalogue under relationships or marriage. Love makes the books go 'round @ your library!

Birthday wishes for the week of February 11 to 17 go out to Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn and Jordyn Nash. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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2:00 p.m. local time.



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Wednesday, February 28, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists require a

Program Coordinator for our
Junior Naturalists
Summer Program
July & August 2007

Responsibilities include:

- designing and implementing 5, two-hour programs within existing guidelines for children 7-10
- writing program descriptions for brochure and other promotional material
- promoting the program in the media
- hiring a student assistant

The candidate should:

- enjoy working with children
- demonstrate an interest in and knowledge of the natural environment
- be able to work with committee volunteers
- possess excellent organizational, communication and leadership skills

Teaching experience is an asset.

Email resume and covering letter to
s.ziman@sympatico.ca by March 2, 2007.



Corporation of the Township of
Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Michael McKeon
Part Lot 15 Concession 3, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3, geographic Township of Stanhope described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3 more particularly described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8469.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 15th day of February 2007 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: January 10, 2007

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1
Municipal Clerk - Planning Administrator
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NOTICE

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a By-law respecting Permits and related matters under the Building Code Act, as amended. The by-law will be considered at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on February 22nd, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Information outlining the proposed fees will be available at no charge from the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden or on the Township's website, www.minden.on.ca

Presentations regarding the proposed fee increase will be heard at 9:00 a.m. and you are asked to register as a delegation with the Clerk (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

Fraser MacDonald, CBCO
Building/Planning Departments

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- **Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6, speaker at 7 p.m. (Please enter by the back door.) Everyone welcome - No charge. Refreshments available. Call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Feb. 15:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for cost and more details.
- **Feb. 16 to Apr. 20:** From Lullabies to Literacy - Help your child to enjoy books and learn to read through activities, songs and stories. Fridays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Minden OEYC. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. For more info call 286-4625.
- **Feb. 17 to Mar. 24:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents: Mary Intven Wallace: Inuksuk Song. Highland Room. Reception, Artist Talk & Slides: February 17, 2-4 p.m. Join us as we present award winning artist, author & educator, Mary Intven Wallace, on a visual journey to the vibrant centre of our northern arctic land, Nunavut. Mary has traveled to the far north several times and throughout this work, we travel with her. For info call 457-2330.
- **Feb. 18:** Full Gospel Lighthouse, Haliburton, Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18 the speaker is Mike Rutter.
- **Feb. 18:** Critters & Trestles - is a community supper celebrating the wildlife & history of Haliburton's railway corridors, taking place at Camp Wanakita, 1883 Koshlong Lk. Rd., Haliburton. Interactive wildlife presentation for kids begins at 5 p.m. sharp. Dinner speaker Leopoldina Dobrzensky recalls life during the days when the trains ran - then the floor is yours! Personal stories captured on video by Highlands Media Arts; Railway photos & artifacts from Haliburton Museum, kids' games, prizes. Something for every age. Call 457-4767 for cost & to reserve.
- **Feb. 18 & 25:** Holy Land - Holy People. What it means to be a Christian, a Jew or a Muslim. Sun., Feb. 18: The desert, The Word; Sun., Feb. 25: Covenant & Reality, The Living Spirit. At Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. Light refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the film will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Each session will end at 3 p.m. No charge. Pre-registration is required, please call Bonnie Fleischaker at 286-6141. For 13 years and up.
- **Feb. 19:** Maple Syrup - Operations and Opportunities. Dorset Recreational Centre, Mon., Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Stewardship Series closes off with one of our most popular topics, maple syrup production. This workshop is ideal for both the backyard and small commercial operator or for those looking to expand their current production. This workshop guarantees sweet rewards. To register, please contact: 286-5206, e-mail shirley.davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca

- **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.
- **Now until April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose - from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs & stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. 286-4625 to register.
- **Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St., Haliburton** - Grief Share Support Group. Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. starting Feb. 20 for 13 weeks. No charge to attend. A safe caring place to be when grief hurts. To register for attendance please call Sue Bain at 457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 286-3635.
- **Thursdays in February:** Join us for Fun & Fitness circles at the Minden OEYC from 10:30 to 11:30 as we stretch, dance & become yoga animals.
- **Adult Badminton:** Mondays 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.
- **Wednesdays - Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about Art and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Thursdays:** Knit Wits, 4-5 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery. Free. After school knitting circle for ages 11+.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **Recreational Squash:** Thursday evenings Jan. 11 to Mar. 22 beside Haliburton Arena from 7-9 p.m. (Students half price) Beginners welcome anytime! Raquets available - free lessons. Call 457-2862.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years & over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Barry Devolin gets appointed to agricultural position

Barry Devolin becomes newest member of Canada's Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food

Local MP Barry Devolin has been appointed to Canada's Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food. He fills a position left vacant by Battlefords-Lloydminster MP Gerry Ritz who was recently named Secretary of State for Small Business and Tourism.

"I am really excited about this new role. This is a position I have sought since I was first elected, and I really look forward to the challenge," says Devolin. "Working with my Farm Council has taught me a lot about agriculture. This new position will allow me to put that knowledge to work on behalf of local farmers."

Standing committees are usually composed of 12 Members of the House of Commons, and party representation is

roughly proportional to the number of seats each party has in the House. In the 39th Parliament, that means five Conservatives, four Liberals, two Bloc Quebecois and one NDP on each committee.

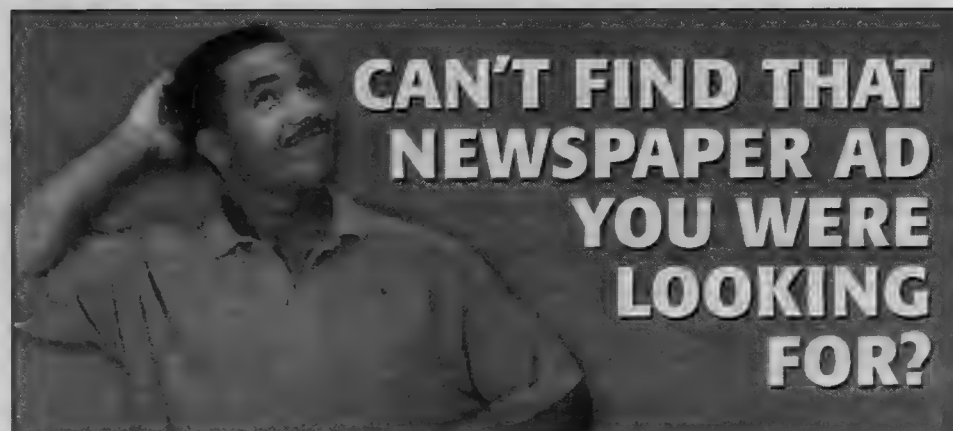
"One of the things I've learned in life is that you have to focus on one or two important things to be successful," Devolin says. "In politics, as in life, you can be in lots of parades but you can't lead all of them. Saving family farms is a parade that I want to help lead."

"Like all primary industries, agriculture creates new wealth that is recycled many times through the local economy. Farming is the major primary industry in our riding. In other words, every farm that survives and prospers will help to support other jobs and businesses in our communities."

In addition to working on Parliament's Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, Barry will continue to work on the Standing Committee for Citizenship and Immigration and to serve as the Government Liaison with the Korean Community.

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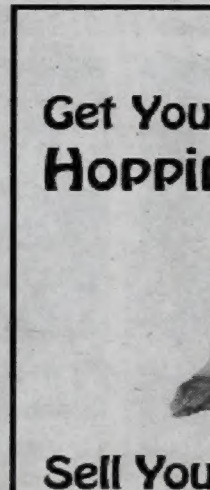
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The wedding will take place
September 15, 2007

Thank You Cards

ISAACSON/GAUDET- We would like to express our gratitude to the ladies auxiliary of the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 for arranging the benefit dance held Sat Feb 10th to assist us after our house fire. Thank you to the Legion for the donation of the hall, all the merchants who generously donated gifts for the mini auction, and to Tony and Tim for running the auction. Thank you to Karen and Maureen for their extra help, thank you to the seniors group, and to all the people who donated the wonderful food and attended the event. Also a great thanks to Bruce Newman who donated his DJ services. Great fun was had by all. Sincere thanks and appreciation from the bottom of our hearts.
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In memoriam

CARPENTER, Doug

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As per Walter's request there will be no funeral service and the family will gather to celebrate a full life well lived. If desired donations can be made to the Proud Pioneers, Extendicare Haliburton, Ontario are appreciated.

We feel blessed that dad was admitted to Lakeridge Health Whitby, for his final journey. He was treated with such respect and dignity by the nursing staff and medical staff of 4 west, and the staff of the dialysis unit at Whitby.

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Thinking of Pre-Planning but don't know where to start?

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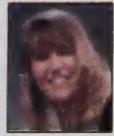
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Tracy
Ackersblade*
286-2911
ext. 46



\$269,500

Century Farm: Owned by the same family since 1982 this century farm features a 3 bdrm. home, a large barn, several outbuildings and 96 acres of open fields, pasture, small pond and bush.
Call Tracy Ackersblade

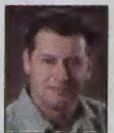


Troy
Austen*
457-1011
ext. 231



\$34,900

Minnicook Lake Road acreage: 30.89 nicely treed acres fronting on a year round road. Not far from the town of Haliburton. Services available.
Call Troy Austen

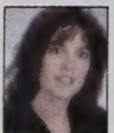


Ken Barry**
457-1011
ext. 228



\$379,900

Beautiful 4 bdrm. home: Private setting w/nearly 4 ac. minutes from village. Double att. garage. Large w/o rec-room, main floor laundry, screened porch, propane FP and much more.
Call Ken Barry



Linda
Baumgartner*
457-1011
ext. 231



\$459,000

Kabakwa Lake: 4 season Vicory cottage situated on a private level lot. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 153 ft. fage, southern exposure, sand shoreline. Tastefully decorated, cath. ceilings, hardwood floors, outstanding view of the lake.
Call Linda Baumgartner



Linda Beachli***
ext. 227
457-1011



\$229,000

Chalet Lot: Wonderful 3+ bdrm fully finished home on manicured chalet lot at Sir Sam's, a short walk to the beach & the market. Privacy, access, hot tub, swimming pool, billiards. What else could you want for \$229,000.
Call Linda Beachli



Peter
Brady**
457-1011
ext. 234



\$1,150,000

Resort - Golf Course: The ultimate retreat w/excellent cash flows from 5 businesses w/over 3300 ft. frontage on fabulous Elephant Lake. Call now for a personal introduction to this outstanding property.
Call Peter Brady



Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242



Commercial Property: Great location on Hwy. 35. There is over 1500 feet of road frontage over 5 acres of land & 4 hwy. entrances on this busy road. This would be a great location for your business.
Call Geoff Bunn

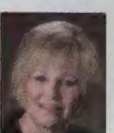


Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43



\$299,000

Million Dollar View: This 2+1 bdrm 4 season home/cottage on Halls Lake comes fully loaded - 2 FPs, massage tub, state of the art Heartland propane stove, air, 2 car garage. All on a lot with a fabulous view.
Call Fred Chapple



Deborah
Deremo*
457-1011
ext. 232



\$499,900

Main Street Location: Over 6,000 sq. ft. building w/frontage on both Highland & York Streets, incl. 2 commercial units, 4 apts. & lrg storage area. York St. side has private parking across from parkland & Head Lake boat access. Rental income potential.
Call Deb Deremo



Vince
Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225



\$499,000

Bitter Lake: Brand new out of the box, 1,200 sq. ft. cottage, very high quality finishing including hardwood & ceramic floors, cath. pine ceiling, lrg windows overlooking Bitter Lake, screened sunporch, covered veranda, 3 bdrms, maple kit. & loads more. All on a gorgeous, level, southwest facing lot w/sand beach.
Call Vince Duchene

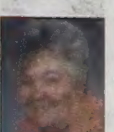


Richard Forget**
& Iona Fèveau*
448-2222



\$399,000

Large Commercial waterfront property: 7.9 acres on Dark Lake, 1075' of shoreline. Property boasts desirable 189 ft. of frontage on Main Street, Wilberforce. Includes a 21,000 sq. ft. block building with 16-18 ft. ceilings, 40x80' and 30x40' garage. Huge development potential. Vendor financing avail. to qualified buyers.
Call Rick Forget & Iona Fèveau



Lenor
Fulton*
286-2911
ext. 23



\$199,000

Gull River: Picturesque setting near the mouth of Gull Lake. This 3 bdrm. cottage features a large deck, FP, propane heating system and is fully furnished.
Call Lenor Fulton



\$229,000

Busy Commercial Business: Exciting, energetic & successful business opportunity. Equipped & staffed comp sales & service, video rentals, internet cafe & games room. Complete line of new release videos & popular & classic editions. Computer network & program in-store or outcall service by qualified technician.
Call Julie Gray

Julie
Gray*
457-1011
exts. 230



\$359,000

Lovely chalet style home: Well maintained w/wonderful privacy. Close to ski hill & public beach. Five bdrms., Jacuzzi tub, hot tub, FP an much more. Beautiful recreational getaway or country home.
Call Marilyn Hawley

Marilyn
Hawley
457-1011
ext. 237



\$229,500

Home or Cottage: Picturesque waterfront setting w/miles of boating on Gull River & Lake. Very well kept bungalow w/large DR, propane FP, garage, dock & town water and sewers. Quiet street, many extras. Immediate possession. Check out the photos at www.bilkulas.com
Call Bill Kulas to view today.

Bill
Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44



\$229,500

Country Home on 53 acres: Awesome 3 bdrm. home, very private and close to town. Features include: main floor lrg., kitchen/DR, south facing with pine floors throughout. 53 acres of mixed forest backing onto Kendrick creek. Several nice out-buildings plus a detached workshop/garage.
Call Denise Leblanc

Denise
Leblanc*
286-2911
ext. 33



\$269,900

Clear Lake: Year round access to a 4 season cottage. Beautiful clear deep water. Cottage offers stone FP w/insert, propane stove, 3 bdrms, new deck.
Call Lynda Litwin

Lynda
Litwin**
286-2911
ext. 35



\$249,900

Wilberforce Lake (Deeded Access): Screened gazebo off deck to large in-ground swimming pool! 4 bdrms., 2 baths, many upgrades incl. wood floors, kit., CAD 5 internet/cable most rms, double carshop det., single gar. att., & large finished bsmt. Manicured lot w/raised perennial, vegetable & herb gardens, & a pond finish this park like picture! *Call Richard Moritz*

Richard
Moritz*
457-1011



\$39,900

Hwy. 118: Building lot with over five acres between Haliburton and West Gullford, good building site, well treed, comes with a drilled well.
Call Erin Nicholls

Erin
Nicholls*
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\$229,000

West Lake: 3 season, 3 bedroom cottage, year round access. Nicely treed.
Call Karen Nimigon

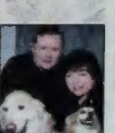
Karen
Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224



\$129,900

Affordable Cottage Living: Great one bedroom plus loft cottage on Haliburton County's 5 lake chain. Loads of extras included. Great sunsets. Easy living. Good times await. All this for \$129,900.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest

Tom & Gail
Tempest**
286-2911
ext. 41



\$179,900

Green Lake: Boat, swim, or fish the 3-lake chain of Maple, Green, and Pine from this cozy 3 bdrm yr. rd. waterfront home/cottage. Features include: large picture windows, large screened porch, heated water line, hi-eff. oil furnace, sandy beach. Close to Golf & Sir Sam's skiing.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

Elizabeth
Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248



\$160,000

Minden - 13 Newcastle St.: Corner commercial property & 960 sq. ft. office, 66 ft. x 75 ft. lot. County & Registry office across street - freshly renovated, reception area plus 4 offices. New heating & air conditioning, partial basement for storage.
Call Ted Vasey

Ted
Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223



\$69,900

Haliburton By The Lake: Buy now & build in the spring. This 1/2 acre lot in the Halbiem subdivision has 133 ft. of frtg. and is on a quiet dead end street. Call for more details. Access to Head Lake.
Call Melanie Vigrass

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